GUIDE TO THE EK1 AUSTRIA FILE

[The EK1 Austria file is concerned with the German-speaking inhabitants of the Federal Republic of Austria located in the mountainous region of Central Europe. The country was re-established as a republic in 1945 after having been conquered and annexed to Germany in 1938. The republic consists of the states of Burgenland, Lower Austria, Upper Austria, Salzburg, Styria, Carinthia, Tyrol, Vorarlberg, and the city of Vienna.

There are six sources in this file, all in English, numbered as sources 2, 3, 5, 7, 8 and 9. Source 2: MacDonald, written by a social scientist, presents data on the constitutional history of the republic in the period of 1918-1934. 3: Hiscocks, written by a government official who made this study in the 1946-1949 period, deals with the post-war conditions in Austria, the coalition government, standards of living and the economic aid given to Austria through the Marshall Plan and UNRRA. In 5: Heissenberger emphasis is again on the economic development of Austria in the post-war period of 1945-1952 with discussion of the Marshall Plan and subsequent aid programs. The author, during this period served as chief to the Economic and Financial Planning Department of the Austrian Ministry of Planning and later as chief of the Ministry of Nationalized Industries. 7: Marboe serves as a general survey of Austria with special treatment given to the nine provinces. This source contains many illustrations with a bibliography at the end. Source 8: van Hoek presents a brief biographical sketch of Chancellor Raab of Austria and some of his policies. 9: Rothschild, written by a sociologist, compares and contrasts economic and political problems of Austria following the break-up of the Austro-Hungarian Empire with that in the post-World War II period.

With the exception of some limited historical and biographical data, as for example source 2: MacDonald dealing with constitutional history during the period of 1918-1934, the file is limited in perspective to the economic and political developments in Austria following the end of the second World War. 7: Marboe, however, would probably give the best over-view of Austrian culture of any source in this file. The file was processed in 1956.]